(c) what is the number of employees who are working in this airline from top to bottom on air and ground with category-wise details of Pilots, Engineers, Air Hostesses, Executives, Salesmen, Clerks, Loaders and Peons ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) East-West Airlines has 10 aircraft in its fleet. The total passenger capacity of these aircraft is 1100 approximately.

(c) Information is being collected and would be laid on the table of the House.

Uniforms *to* female staff of Indian Airlines

116. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines is providing same type of uniform to all the male staff from Grade I to Grade IX;

(b) if so, the reasons for not providing the same type of uniforms to the female staff of grade I to II (including sweepers);

(c) what are the reasons for not providing same type of sarees to the female staff of Grade I and II in Indain Airlines;

(d) the number of female staff working in grade I & II in Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Hyderabad, region-wise; and

(e) whether Indian Airlines propose to issue the same type of uniform to all the lady staff grades I to IX (like male staff) in near future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Polyester sarees with silk finish are issued to Grades I and JJ female employees, while pure silk sarees are issued to Grade III—*IX* female employees, in consideration of suitability for the nature of duties entrusted.

(d) The number of female employees working in Grade I/II region-wise as on 20-4-1993 is as under :—

Eastern Region	:	54
Western Region	:	61
Northern Region	:	52
Southern Region	:	9
Hyderabad	:	27
Headquarters	:	17

(e) No, Sir.

Telephones working in the State of Karnataka

117. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA ; Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of telephones working in the State of Karnataka;

(to) the number of persons who are in the waiting list as on date; and

(c) by when the Department proposes to clear the list ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) 4,34,456 Direct Exchange Lines as on 31-3-93.

(b) 1,74,845 waiting list as on 31-3-93.

(c) As per the 8th plan objective, the wailing period for Telephone Connections is to be reduced to two years in large Telephones System and Telephone practically on demand in rural/tribal areas, by the end of 8th plan period (1992—97).